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**BOYD ANNOUNCES TELECOM PRIORITIES TO HELP RURAL AMERICA**

*Congressional Rural Caucus hosts forums on the future of rural telecom*

WASHINGTON, D.C.-Congressman Allen Boyd (D-North Florida), Co-Chairman of the Congressional R

"Rural America cannot be left behind when it comes to national policy decisions," said Congressman Bo

Additionally, the CRC will host a series of Member briefings to promote fair and affordable access to tele

The legislative principles that will guide the CRC's telecommunications work this year are:

- Strengthening the Universal Service Fund (USF) to improve access to telephone services and othe
- Improving intercarrier compensation to help utilize more networks
- Enhancing network access and interconnection
- Expanding access to advanced broadband in rural areas-essential for rural America to remain com

"We must have fair prices for high-speed Internet, not only to retain and attract good jobs in rural Americ

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